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Report Highlights:

Italy is the largest rice producer in the EU-28. According to the latest figures from the Italian Rice Association (Enterisi), Italy's MY 2015/16 paddy rice production is forecast at 1.5 Million Metric Tons (MMT), an increase of 7.5 percent compared to MY 2014/15 (1.4 MMT), driven by the increased planted area (+3.5 percent) and improved yields.

General Information:**Italy's Rice Production to Increase in MY 2015/16**

Italy is the largest rice producer in the EU-28. Rice cultivation is mostly located in Northern Italy (Piemonte, Lombardia, and Veneto) where water is relatively abundant and the rice crop can be raised in flooded fields. Approximately 70 percent of rice varieties grown in Italy are *Indica* (i.e. *Ariete*, *Drago*, *Arborio*, *Baldo*, *S.Andrea*, and *Carnaroli*), while the remainder are *Japonica* ones. Except for rough (unmilled) rice exports and domestic seed sales, virtually all the Italian rice is marketed as a whole-kernel milled product.

According to the latest figures from the Italian Rice Association (Enterisi), Italy's MY 2015/16 paddy rice production is forecast at 1.5 Million Metric Tons (MMT), an increase of 7.5 percent compared to MY 2014/15 (1.4 MMT), driven by the increased planted area (227,329 hectares (Ha) in MY 2015/16 compared to 219,532 Ha in MY 2014/15) and improved yields (6.68 tons per hectare in MY 2015/16 compared to 6.45 tons per hectare in MY 2014/15).

Long-A, Long-B, and Round paddy productions are forecast at approximately 820,765 MT, 247,825 MT, and 404,209 MT, respectively. Long-A, Long-B, and Round paddy areas are forecast at approximately 135,338 Ha, 35,044 Ha, and 56,946 Ha, respectively. Long-A, Long-B, and Round paddy yields are forecast at approximately 6.26 tons per hectare, 7.3 tons per hectare, and 7.3 tons per hectare, respectively.

Table 1: Farm-gate paddy quotes from the Milan grain exchange (\$ per ton)

| Paddy Rice Varieties | 2015 | | | |
|---|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| | Dec 1 | | Dec 15 | |
| | Week 49 | | Week 51 | |
| | Min. | Max. | Min. | Max. |
| Volano - Arborio | 650.0 | 675.0 | 650.0 | 675.0 |
| Roma | 400.0 | 430.0 | 410.0 | 440.0 |
| Baldo | 360.0 | 380.0 | 360.0 | 380.0 |
| Carnaroli and similar varieties | 645.0 | 700.0 | 637.0 | 692.0 |
| Augusto | 350.0 | 370.0 | 345.0 | 365.0 |
| Loto, Nembo | 330.0 | 360.0 | 330.0 | 360.0 |
| Luna CL, Dardo, and similar varieties | 300.0 | 320.0 | 300.0 | 320.0 |
| Sant'Andrea | 390.0 | 420.0 | 390.0 | 420.0 |
| Thaibonnet and similar varieties | 295.0 | 315.0 | 305.0 | 325.0 |
| Vialone nano | 590.0 | 630.0 | 590.0 | 630.0 |
| Padano - Argo | 385.0 | 430.0 | 385.0 | 430.0 |
| Lido,Crono,Flipper, and similar varieties | 300.0 | 320.0 | 300.0 | 320.0 |
| Balilla,Centauro, and similar varieties | 355.0 | 385.0 | 355.0 | 385.0 |
| Selenio | 335.0 | 385.0 | 335.0 | 385.0 |

Source: Milan Grain Exchange

Table 2: Italy's Leading Milled Rice Exports

| Year Ending: August | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Partner Country | Unit | 2013 | | 2014 | | 2015 | |
| | | USD | Quantity | USD | Quantity | USD | Quantity |
| World | T | 579,384,265 | 673,588 | 597,714,462 | 630,582 | 551,050,583 | 630,844 |
| Germany | T | 101,114,900 | 115,607 | 122,658,845 | 117,936 | 108,513,992 | 117,675 |
| France | T | 124,556,741 | 138,084 | 121,337,787 | 124,103 | 103,949,295 | 121,639 |
| United Kingdom | T | 54,431,130 | 62,645 | 45,469,901 | 50,171 | 59,074,367 | 71,212 |
| Turkey | T | 36,513,310 | 47,408 | 27,950,262 | 30,251 | 38,417,876 | 37,749 |
| Belgium | T | 29,945,380 | 31,003 | 33,323,581 | 32,289 | 25,245,470 | 26,185 |
| Austria | T | 20,124,582 | 20,627 | 20,430,994 | 19,433 | 19,990,150 | 21,354 |
| Czech Republic | T | 29,578,235 | 40,505 | 18,657,045 | 25,848 | 15,351,319 | 23,270 |
| Hungary | T | 16,522,817 | 24,714 | 17,508,195 | 28,765 | 14,705,422 | 26,339 |
| United States | T | 10,713,503 | 7,362 | 13,189,340 | 7,184 | 13,462,188 | 7,274 |
| Switzerland | T | 9,792,421 | 10,821 | 13,802,645 | 16,402 | 11,466,374 | 13,791 |

Source: Global Trade Atlas (GTA)

Table 3: Italy's Leading Milled Rice Imports

| Year Ending: August | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Partner Country | Unit | 2013 | | 2014 | | 2015 | |
| | | USD | Quantity | USD | Quantity | USD | Quantity |
| World | T | 51,376,748 | 47,890 | 68,412,500 | 66,580 | 67,672,183 | 84,428 |
| India | T | 7,940,288 | 7,509 | 11,147,896 | 8,840 | 11,463,380 | 10,606 |

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|------------|-------|------------|--------|------------|--------|
| Thailand | T | 11,081,592 | 9,744 | 12,742,188 | 11,955 | 10,510,246 | 10,989 |
| Cambodia | T | 5,160,165 | 5,890 | 7,373,444 | 9,570 | 9,351,078 | 16,791 |
| Pakistan | T | 3,081,869 | 2,770 | 3,635,669 | 2,913 | 5,224,830 | 5,427 |
| France | T | 8,885,802 | 7,220 | 9,182,299 | 5,351 | 5,011,566 | 4,825 |
| Belgium | T | 1,170,630 | 701 | 2,282,631 | 1,635 | 4,692,647 | 4,672 |
| Myanmar | T | - | - | 3,283,462 | 8,074 | 4,016,605 | 9,800 |
| Romania | T | 1,878,027 | 2,244 | 3,448,230 | 2,588 | 3,408,994 | 2,588 |
| United Kingdom | T | 3,293,908 | 2,759 | 3,411,479 | 2,616 | 3,293,810 | 2,772 |
| Spain | T | 1,056,257 | 802 | 4,052,270 | 4,874 | 2,362,806 | 3,143 |

Source: GTA

Table 4: Italy's Leading Husked Rice Exports

| Year Ending: August | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|------|------------|----------|------------|----------|------------|----------|
| Partner Country | Unit | 2013 | | 2014 | | 2015 | |
| | | USD | Quantity | USD | Quantity | USD | Quantity |
| World | T | 56,349,249 | 63,450 | 62,903,094 | 63,175 | 69,901,691 | 73,227 |
| Belgium | T | 16,095,766 | 18,958 | 17,153,271 | 20,577 | 17,870,993 | 22,721 |
| Germany | T | 8,478,505 | 7,859 | 10,122,634 | 7,971 | 12,725,773 | 9,548 |
| Netherlands | T | 9,406,192 | 12,074 | 9,493,461 | 10,728 | 9,682,594 | 12,178 |
| Switzerland | T | 5,676,387 | 7,445 | 6,127,569 | 5,521 | 7,199,762 | 7,164 |
| France | T | 4,520,250 | 3,356 | 5,818,208 | 3,497 | 6,531,584 | 4,433 |
| Poland | T | 3,805,767 | 5,611 | 4,285,619 | 6,154 | 4,304,398 | 6,431 |
| United Kingdom | T | 1,907,527 | 1,751 | 1,889,391 | 1,398 | 2,132,303 | 1,546 |

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|---------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Czech Republic | T | 945,938 | 1,154 | 977,003 | 1,265 | 1,942,685 | 2,598 |
| Spain | T | 821,460 | 734 | 1,298,801 | 839 | 1,619,413 | 1,218 |
| Sweden | T | 728,465 | 676 | 1,056,278 | 855 | 832,010 | 710 |

Source: GTA

Table 5: Italy's Leading Husked Rice Imports

| Year Ending: August | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|------|------------|----------|------------|----------|------------|----------|
| Partner Country | Unit | 2013 | | 2014 | | 2015 | |
| | | USD | Quantity | USD | Quantity | USD | Quantity |
| World | T | 48,379,761 | 50,252 | 76,298,820 | 61,274 | 38,797,741 | 45,056 |
| India | T | 35,524,461 | 39,207 | 48,526,551 | 37,312 | 16,762,409 | 20,699 |
| Pakistan | T | 6,757,678 | 6,064 | 18,533,078 | 16,182 | 14,360,909 | 16,856 |
| Thailand | T | 4,625,349 | 3,677 | 4,246,417 | 3,399 | 3,642,394 | 3,242 |
| France | T | 261,402 | 195 | 936,287 | 1,096 | 1,061,666 | 670 |
| Argentina | T | 98,175 | 129 | 683,629 | 760 | 590,084 | 616 |
| Uruguay | T | 192,828 | 350 | 157,354 | 188 | 559,369 | 640 |
| Guyana | T | - | - | - | - | 377,941 | 1,000 |
| Netherlands | T | 296,074 | 145 | 358,425 | 157 | 291,239 | 175 |
| United Kingdom | T | 317,673 | 222 | 542,512 | 374 | 287,234 | 308 |
| Spain | T | 10,473 | 12 | 872,018 | 568 | 194,997 | 214 |

Source: GTA

Table 6: Italy's Leading Rice in the Husk Exports

| Year Ending: August | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|------|------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|
| Partner Country | Unit | 2013 | | 2014 | | 2015 | |
| | | USD | Quantity | USD | Quantity | USD | Quantity |

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------|---|-----------|--------|------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| World | T | 9,339,393 | 12,689 | 11,388,625 | 14,171 | 7,929,504 | 10,718 |
| Portugal | T | 1,558,715 | 1,715 | 2,509,854 | 2,310 | 1,807,964 | 2,096 |
| France | T | 1,664,410 | 1,813 | 1,123,633 | 1,053 | 1,162,022 | 1,302 |
| Romania | T | 944,150 | 1,086 | 805,957 | 874 | 1,146,960 | 1,507 |
| Spain | T | 958,620 | 1,126 | 2,502,814 | 3,088 | 1,131,678 | 1,633 |
| Netherlands | T | 1,713,584 | 4,220 | 1,762,283 | 4,173 | 740,370 | 1,833 |
| Greece | T | 346,800 | 407 | 532,795 | 474 | 658,037 | 688 |
| Morocco | T | 929,270 | 962 | 463,905 | 452 | 424,866 | 518 |
| Bulgaria | T | 349,580 | 355 | 670,479 | 597 | 244,253 | 235 |
| Belgium | T | 220,424 | 377 | 321,565 | 586 | 234,245 | 544 |
| Uruguay | T | 3,749 | 2 | 34,916 | 22 | 80,058 | 87 |

Source: GTA

Table 7: Italy's Leading Rice in the Husk Imports

| Year Ending: August | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|------|-----------|----------|------------|----------|------------|----------|
| Partner Country | Unit | 2013 | | 2014 | | 2015 | |
| | | USD | Quantity | USD | Quantity | USD | Quantity |
| World | T | 8,063,051 | 12,838 | 10,656,017 | 17,339 | 21,304,047 | 55,647 |
| Guyana | T | - | - | - | - | 11,725,379 | 37,298 |
| France | T | 2,628,492 | 5,854 | 5,479,039 | 11,650 | 4,786,760 | 12,897 |
| Romania | T | 3,240,732 | 6,025 | 2,112,120 | 3,215 | 1,563,313 | 1,998 |
| United Kingdom | T | 804,130 | 587 | 1,199,897 | 718 | 846,641 | 603 |
| Netherlands | T | 29,108 | 15 | 158,492 | 83 | 632,624 | 731 |

| | | | | | | | |
|---------------|---|---------|-----|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| Spain | T | 89,589 | 61 | 986,636 | 1,499 | 613,231 | 1,223 |
| Greece | T | 17,636 | 40 | - | - | 535,686 | 724 |
| United States | T | 891,874 | 80 | 417,932 | 40 | 319,356 | 44 |
| Germany | T | 297,327 | 143 | 238,865 | 109 | 216,093 | 83 |

Source: GTA